

Special Plates

14.000 Introduction

The department issues a variety of special plates. The information in this chapter answers the more frequently asked questions regarding special plates and special plate applications.

14.005 Special Plate Applications

An application for special plates may be submitted individually or in conjunction with other registration transactions, such as original registration or transfer of ownership. The application must include the appropriate plate application completed by the buyer, the required fee for the plate, and any other documentation that may be required for issuance of the plate as explained in this chapter.

14.010 Amateur Radio Call Letter Plates (VC §5005)

Persons holding an unexpired amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may apply for one set of Amateur Radio Call Letter license plates, which may be assigned to any passenger motor vehicle, commercial vehicle, or motorcycle registered to the licensee. The plates **cannot** be assigned to trailers.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer documents and fees, the application **must** include:

- A Special License Plates Application (REG 17A) completed by the applicant.
- A copy of the applicant's FCC license.
- The amateur radio plate fee.

14.015 American Ex-Prisoner of War Plates (VC §§4001, 5101.5, and 9105)

Qualified former American prisoners of war may obtain American Ex-Prisoner of War (Ex-POW) plates for **one** passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, or commercial motor vehicle with an unladen weight of 8,000 pounds or less, which he/she owns.

The vehicle **cannot** be used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit. The ex-POW is exempt from payment of all fees, except fees for duplicates, on that **one** vehicle only.

14.015 American Ex-Prisoner of War Plates, continued

An individual who qualifies for Ex-POW and Disabled Veteran plates **cannot** obtain both. Vehicles with Ex-POW plates are assigned a 12/31 expiration date and must be renewed annually.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer documents and fees, the application must include:

- A Special Interest License Plate Application (REG 17) completed by the applicant.

NOTE: The applicant can request four specific numbers. The applicant should indicate two choices on the REG 17 in case the first choice has been issued.

- **Evidence of eligibility**—The applicant **must** present written documentation of eligibility, which **must** indicate he/she was head prisoner of war by forces hostile to the United States during a period of conflict. Acceptable evidence includes any of the following:
 - A letter of verification from the National Personnel Records Center.
 - An official document marked POW (a Veteran’s Administration Hospital Card, for example).
 - Discharge papers declaring the bearer to be an ex-prisoner of war.

Written documentation of eligibility may be obtained by sending a letter with name, birthdate, service number or social security number, branch of the service, capture date, capturing country, and any other pertinent information to:

Modern Military Records (NWCTM)
National Archives at College Park
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

Retention of Plates by Surviving Spouse—The surviving spouse of the Ex-POW plate owner may retain the plates upon the death of the former POW, but he/she **is not** eligible for the fee exemption (VC §5101.5d).

Surrender of Plates Required—The plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days following the death of the former POW (or surviving spouse, if he/she chooses to retain them) or upon the vehicle expiration date, whichever occurs first.

14.020 Antique Motorcycle Plates (VC §5004.5)

Antique Motorcycle license plates may be issued for motorcycles manufactured in 1942 or earlier. Antique motorcycles are subject to all regular fees.

In addition to the registration and/or transfer requirements, the application must include a Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the vehicle buyer/owner and the antique motorcycle plate fee. The reflectorized license plate fee **is not** due. The plate stays with the motorcycle if ownership of the motorcycle is transferred.

14.025 Bicentennial Bill of Rights Plates (VC §5101.9)

Bicentennial Bill of Rights license plates (four numbers followed by the Liberty Bell and the letters “US”) were issued for automobiles, commercial vehicles, and trailers between July 1, 1990, and December 31, 1991. Original and/or substitute Bicentennial Bill of Rights plates **are no longer** available, but existing plates **may be** reassigned. Refer to §14.105 for plate reassignment requirements.

14.030 Congressional Medal of Honor Plates (VC §§4001, 5101.6 and 9105)

A Congressional Medal of Honor (CMOH) recipient:

- may obtain CMOH plates for **one** passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, or commercial motor vehicle with an unladen weight of 8,000 pounds or less owned by the CMOH recipient
- and**
- is exempt from payment of all fees, except fees for duplicates, on that **one** vehicle only.

The vehicle **cannot** be used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit. A person who qualifies for two types of plates, such as CMOH and Ex-POW, **cannot** obtain both. Vehicles with CMOH plates are assigned a 12/31 expiration date and must be renewed annually.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer documents required, the application **must** include a Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the CMOH recipient.

Surrender of Plates Required—Upon the death of the CMOH plate owner, the surviving spouse may retain the plates. The plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days of the death of the surviving spouse or upon the vehicle registration expiration date, whichever occurs first.

14.035 Disabled Person Plates (VC §§295.5, 5007, and 22511.5)

Qualified **permanently** disabled persons may obtain Disabled Person (DP) license plates at no additional fee for vehicles registered to the disabled person. DP plates **are not** issued to temporarily disabled persons.

NOTE: One commercial vehicle with an unladen weight of **8,000 pounds or less** assigned DP plates **is** exempt from the weight fee. (VC §9410)

This **does not** prevent issuance of DP plates to other commercial vehicles owned by the disabled person.

DP plates **cannot** be issued to a vehicle if the owner claims exemption from registration under VC §467 (Invalid Tricycle or Wheelchair) **or** VC §9105 (Disabled Veteran, Congressional Medal of Honor, or Ex-POW plates). The vehicle **cannot** be used by the disabled person in a street vending business operation.

14.035 Disabled Person Plates, continued

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements and fees, the application **must** include an Application for Disabled Person Parking Placard or Plates (REG 195) which has been completed by the disabled person and contains a doctor's certification of the applicant's disability.

NOTE: A doctor's certification **is not** required if the applicant has California DP plates on another vehicle or a valid California DP Parking Placard **and** the REG 195 includes the existing DP plate/placard number.

Surrender of Plates Required—DP plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days of the disabled person's death or upon the vehicle expiration date, whichever occurs first.

Window Decals for Vehicles with Wheelchair Lifts or Carriers—Refer to Section 14.115.

14.040 Disabled Veteran Plates (VC §§295.7, 4001, 5007, 9105, and 22511.5)

A qualified disabled veteran may obtain Disabled Veteran (DV) plates for **one** passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, or commercial motor vehicle with an unladen weight of 8,000 pounds or less, owned by the disabled veteran, and is exempt from payment of all fees, except fees for duplicates, for that **one** vehicle only. A person who qualifies for two types of plates such as DV and Ex-POW **cannot** obtain both. The vehicle **cannot** be used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit. Vehicles with DV plates are assigned a 12/31 expiration date and must be renewed annually.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer documents required, the application must include:

- A Request for Exempt License Plates (REG 5050) completed by the disabled veteran.
- Documentation (a letter or a photocopy) from the Veteran's Administration or the military service from which the veteran was discharged as follows. If the veteran:
 - has lost, or lost the use of one or more limbs **or** has suffered permanent blindness, **or** is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of an assistance device, the documentation **must** indicate that the injury occurred while the veteran was on active duty with the United States Armed Forces.
 - is rated as 100% disabled due to a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility, the documentation **must be** from the military service which discharged the veteran and **must** indicate a disability rating at 100% due to a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility as a result of an injury or disease that occurred while the veteran was on active duty with the United States Armed Forces.

Surrender of Plates Required—DV plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days of the death of the disabled veteran or by December 31 of the current registration year, whichever occurs first.

14.040 Disabled Veteran Plates, continued

Window Decals for Vehicles with Wheelchair Lifts or Carriers—Refer to Section 14.115.

14.045 Environmental Plates (VC §§5101-5104 and 5106)

The registered owner or lessee of a passenger or commercial vehicle, motorcycles, or trailer may apply for an Environmental License Plate (ELP) separately or with a registration application. The ELP configuration can be two to seven characters and **cannot** conflict with another plate series. Other restrictions are listed in this section.

The department **must refuse** configurations that may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which would be misleading based on criteria which includes, but is not limited to, any configuration that:

- has been deleted from regular series license plates.
- has a sexual connotation or is a term of lust or depravity.
- is a vulgar term; a term of contempt, prejudice, or hostility; an insulting or degrading term; a racially degrading term; or an ethnically degrading term.
- is a swear word or term considered profane, obscene, or repulsive.
- negatively identifies a specific group **or** misrepresents a law enforcement entity.
- is a foreign or slang word or term, or is a phonetic spelling or mirror image of a word or term, falling into the categories described above.

Unacceptable Letter/Number Substitutions—The following letter/number substitutions **are not** acceptable and **must be** rejected when presented.

- Number **1** for the letter **I**.
- Number **2** for the letter **Z**
- Number **3** for the letter **E**
- Number **5** for the letter **S**
- Number **6** for the letter **G**
- Number **8** for the letter **B**

Restricted Letter/Number Combinations—The following license plate configurations **are not** available for ELPs.

PLATE CONFIGURATION	EXAMPLE	LICENSE TYPE
Letters in First Position		
1 letter; 1 or 2 numbers	A12	State Assembly
1 letter; 1 or 2 numbers; 1 letter	S99A	State Senate
1 letter; 1 or 2 numbers; 1 letter; 1 number (restricted only if first letter is A, S, or C)	C84R1	U.S. Congress
1 letter; 2 numbers; 1 letter; 2 numbers	A12B34	OHV

PLATE CONFIGURATION	EXAMPLE	LICENSE TYPE
1 letter; 4 numbers	H1234	Honorary Consul
1 letter; 5 numbers	A12345	Commercial
1 or 2 letters; 1 through 6 numbers (restricted only if the letters are E or SE.)	SE300000	Special Equipment
	E123456	Exempt (diamond/octagon E plates)
1 or 2 letters; 1 number; 1, 2 or 3 letters (restricted only if first letter is A, K, N, or W)	W6AB, WE7XY, or KA6RPZ	Amateur Radio
2 letters; 1 number	US1 & US2	U.S. Senate
2 letters; 1 number; 1 letter	US1A - C US2A - C	
2 letters; 1 number; 1 letter	US1R - US9R	
2 letters; 1 number; 1 letter; 1 number (restricted only if first two letters are US)	US1R1 - US1R9	
2 letters; 1 through 4 numbers (restricted only if HC or HV and 4 numbers)	HC1004 HV3	Horseless Carriage Historical Vehicle
2 letters; 3 numbers, 1 letter	HV000A	Historical Vehicle
2 letters; 3 numbers	LV000	Legion of Valor
2 letters; 4 numbers	AF1234 PP0001	Trailers Press Photographer
2 letters; 5 numbers	DP00000	Disabled Person
3 letters; 4 numbers (restricted only if the the three letters are POW)	POW1234	American Ex- Prisoner of War
Numbers in First Position		
1 number; 1 letter; 4 numbers	1A1234	Motorcycle
1 number; 1 letter; 5 numbers	1A23456	Commercial
1 number, 2 letters, 4 numbers	2AA0000	Trailer
1 number; 3 letters; 3 numbers	2SAM123	Automobile
2 numbers; 1 letter; 2 numbers	12A34	Exempt Motorcycle
2 numbers; 1 letter; 4 numbers	12A3456	Motorcycle
3 numbers; 2 letters (restricted only to letters AA through E0)	000AA-000E0	Reserved
3 numbers; 3 letters	123SAM	Automobile
4 numbers; 2 letters	0000PH 1234AB 0000DP 0000DV	Purple Heart Vessels Disabled Person Disabled Veteran

PLATE CONFIGURATION	EXAMPLE	LICENSE TYPE
5 numbers; 1 letter	12345R	Commercial
5 numbers; 2 letters	30000DP 00000DV	Disabled Person Disabled Veteran
7 numbers	1234567	CA Exempt

ELP Application Requirements—In addition to the usual registration documents and fees, when a buyer wants to purchase an ELP:

- Submit an Application for Special License Plates (REG 17) completed by the buyer. The REG 17 **must**:
 - be complete, including the ELP configuration meaning.
 - be signed by the buyer.
 - show the type of vehicle (auto, commercial, etc.) to which the plates will be assigned.
 - show an asterisk (*) for a full space and a slash (/) for a half-space. For example, full spaces desired (**TOM**), half-spaces desired (CLEN/AIR).

NOTE: Please inform your ELP customers that an annual ELP renewal/retention fee will be due in addition to the regular renewal fees.

- Remove and destroy any plates currently assigned to the vehicle. The vehicle may be operated on the temporary operating copy of the Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397) **or** Report of Sale–Used Vehicle (REG 51) until the ELPs are received.
- Submit the ELP fee **in addition** to any other fees due. (The reflectorized plate fee charged for regular series plates **is not** due.)

<i>If the ELP requested is...</i>	<i>then the department will...</i>
acceptable and available	reserve the plates and send the buyer a receipt. The plates will be mailed directly to the buyer in about eight weeks.
not acceptable	issue regular plates and refund the ELP fee to the dealer with the reason the request cannot be processed.
unavailable	

14.050 Foreign Organization Plates (VC §5006.5 and R&TC §10781)

Automobiles owned or leased by an officer or designated employee of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) are issued Foreign Organization plates and are exempt from registration fees and/or use/sales tax, but **are not exempt** from transfer fees, duplicate and/or substitute fees on the vehicle. The plates **cannot** be issued as an ELP or special interest license plate and **cannot** be transferred between vehicles.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application **must** include:

- A Miscellaneous Certifications (REG 256A), Taipei Economic and Cultural Office section, completed by the applicant.
- Photocopies of the applicant's:
 - Tax Exemption Card issued by the California Board of Equalization.
 - ID Card issued by the U.S. Department of State.

14.055 Honorary Consul Plates (VC §5006)

Honorary Consuls (U.S. citizens or residents appointed as an Honorary Consul by a foreign jurisdiction) may request issuance of Honorary Consul plates from the department. There is no additional fee due for issuance of these special plates.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application **must** include:

- A Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the Honorary Consul.
- A certified copy of the Letter of Notification issued by the U.S. Department of State denoting the applicant's Honorary Consul status.

14.060 Legion of Valor Plates (VC §5101.4)

Legion of Valor license plates may be issued to vehicles owned by recipients of the decorations for valor listed below. The plates **are not** available for motorcycles. There is no additional fee due for issuance of Legion of Valor plates.

- Air Force Medal of Honor **or** Air Force Cross
- Army Medal of Honor **or** Army Distinguished Service Cross
- Navy Medal of Honor **or** Navy Cross

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application **must** include:

- A Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the applicant.
- A photocopy of the applicant's Department of Defense Form 214 **or** service record indicating the award of one of the named military decorations.

14.060 Legion of Valor Plates, continued

Surrender of Plates Required—Upon the death of the Legion of Valor plate owner, the surviving spouse may retain the plates. The plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days following the death of the surviving spouse or upon the vehicle expiration date, whichever occurs first.

14.065 Livery Plates (VC §§5011.5, 5011.6, and 5011.9)

Limousines operated by a charter-party carrier that pick up and deliver airport passengers are commercial vehicles and **must** display special “Livery” license plates (1ZZA000 through 1ZZZ999). An additional fee **is not** due for Livery plates. However, if the request is for an ELP Livery plate, ELP fees **are due**.

All other limousines operating “for hire” are issued regular commercial license plates.

Livery Limousine Definition—A livery limousine is defined by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as a luxury **sedan** (standard or extended length) with a **maximum seating capacity of nine passengers, including the driver**, transporting passengers to and from an airport.

Livery Plate Application Requirements—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application **must** include:

- A Special Interest License Plate Application (REG 17) completed by the applicant.
- A **valid** PUC Livery Plate Authorization Letter (may list multiple vehicles). The letter or photocopy made by a department employee **must** be attached to the application.
- ELP fee, if appropriate.

NOTE: The vehicle body type must be a “sedan” (SD).
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14.070 Motorized Bicycle (Moped) Identification Plates (VC §§406 and 5030-5039)

Motorized bicycles (mopeds) must be licensed before being operated or moved upon a highway. A moped license plate and identification card (ID) are issued; a title is **not** issued.

An Application for Motorized Bicycle (REG 230) completed by the owner and the moped ID fee must be submitted to DMV. A late penalty is **not** assessed and use tax is **not** collected. The moped plate remains on the moped when ownership is transferred.

14.075 Pearl Harbor Survivor Plates (VC §5101.3)

Pearl Harbor Survivor (PHS) license plates may be issued for vehicles owned by a qualified Pearl Harbor survivor. There is no additional fee for issuance of PHS plates. PHS plates **are not** issued to motorcycles or commercial vehicles being operated for hire.

14.075 Pearl Harbor Survivor Plates, continued

Applicant Qualifications—The applicant must have been a member of the Armed Forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, the Island of Oahu, or offshore within a distance of three miles, on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 am to 9:45 am, Hawaii time and must have received an honorable discharge from the military service.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application must include a Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed and signed by an officer of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Surrender of Plates Required—Upon the death of the PHS plate owner, the surviving spouse may retain the plates. The plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days following the death of the surviving spouse or upon the vehicle expiration date, whichever occurs first.

14.080 Press Photographer Plates (VC §5008)

Persons regularly employed or engaged as newspaper, newsreel, or television photographers or cameraman may be issued special Press Photographer (PP) license plates. These plates **cannot** be issued to a trailer.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application **must** include a Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the applicant and the press photographer plate fee. Refer to the Fees Appendix, Appendix 1F for fees.

14.085 Purple Heart Plates (VC §5101.8)

Purple Heart license plates may be issued for any automobile, commercial vehicle, trailer, or motorcycle (**not** operated for hire or compensation) owned by the Purple Heart recipient. There is no additional fee due for issuance of these plates.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application must include:

- A Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the applicant.
- Proof of applicant's eligibility. Any of the following are acceptable:
 - Orders awarding the Purple Heart to the applicant.
 - A copy of the applicant's service record **or** discharge papers showing the Purple Heart award.
 - Certification from a Purple Heart organization.

Surrender of Plates Required—The plates must be surrendered to the department upon the death of the Purple Heart plate owner. The plates cannot be transferred to another person, even to the co-owner of the vehicle to which the plates were issued.

14.090 Special Equipment (SE) Identification Plates (VC §§5011, 5015-5016, and 36115)

All special construction, special mobile, and cemetery equipment, farm vehicles, and logging vehicles **must** display a Special Equipment (SE) identification plate. SE plates are **optional** for implements of husbandry. (VC §36000)

IMPORTANT: Concrete pumps/pumper booms, oil well drilling rigs, and other similar equipment **do not** qualify for SE plates. These vehicles meet the definition of, and **must be** registered as, a “crane.”

Original and Transfer SE Applications—The requirements are:

- An Application for SE Plate (REG 88) which **fully** describes the use of the vehicle/equipment completed by the applicant.
- A photo of the entire vehicle/equipment that does not exceed the REG 88 form size. (One photo is acceptable for multiple applications for identical vehicles/equipment **submitted together at the same time.**)
- The SE plate fee.

14.095 Special Interest Plates (VC §5060)

The department issues the following special interest license plates. Pictures of the plates are included in the *California License Plates Handbook* (REG 36).

NOTE: The plates issued to motorcycles (permitted for California Firefighter, California Memorial, Kids, Lake Tahoe, Olympic, Veteran’s Organization) will **not** contain any graphics or symbols. A generic motorcycle plate with a space for a decal to be affixed by the plate owner is issued. (VC 5061)

- **Arts Plates (VC §§5060, 5074, and 5101)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to six characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted.
- **California Firefighter Plates (VC §§5060 and 5101.2)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to six characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted. **Only** regularly employed or retired firefighters/volunteer firefighters may obtain these plates, they **cannot** be purchased by the general public.
 - The applicant’s principal duties must be, or have been prior to retirement, within the scope of active firefighting and providing fire prevention service, fire training, hazardous materials abatement, arson investigation, and emergency medical services.
 - As proof of eligibility, a photocopy of the applicant’s fire department ID card or International Association of Firefighters membership card **must be** presented and verified upon application.

Surrender of Plates Required—Upon the death of the Firefighter plate owner, the plates may be transferred to the surviving spouse. The plates must be surrendered to the department within 60 days of the surviving spouse’s death or upon the vehicle registration expiration date, whichever occurs first.

14.095 Special Interest Plates, continued

- **California Memorial Plates (VC §5066)**—Available in a sequential series (the same series is used for autos, commercial vehicles, and trailers) or as an ELP of two to six characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted.

NOTE: The Culver City, Fresno, Los Angeles, Redding, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco Department of Motor Vehicles offices have sequential plate inventory for issuance.

- **Coastal Commission (Whale Tail) Plates (VC §§5067 and 5101)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to seven characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted.
- **Commemorative Collegiate Plates (VC §§5024, 5060, and 5101)**—The only participant is UCLA. Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to six characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted.
- **Kids Plates (VC §§5060, 5072, and 5101)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to six characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted.
- **Lake Tahoe Conservancy Plates (VC §§5060, 5075, and 5101)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to seven characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted.
- **Veterans Organization Plates (VC §§ 5060, 5068, and 5101)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to six characters. Qualified existing ELPs may be converted. (The organization logo decal is separate and the plate owner is responsible for attaching it to the plate.) The department issues an updated listing of veteran organization decals in a Vehicle Industry News (VIN) memo as needed.
- **Yosemite Plates (VC §§5060, 5064, and 5101)**—Available in a sequential series or as an ELP of two to seven characters. Qualified existing ELP configurations may be converted.

Special Interest License Plate Applications—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer documents required, the application must include a Special Interest License Plate Application (REG 17) or Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed and signed by the applicant and the special plate fee(s).

Converting a Regular ELP to a Special Interest ELP—A regular ELP configuration within the number of characters allowed for the series requested may be converted to a special interest license plate. The regular ELP must be surrendered.

14.100 Year of Manufacture Model Year Date Plates (VC §5004.1)

Year of Manufacture (YOM) license plates are any officially manufactured California license plates issued prior to 1963 that are determined to be legible and serviceable by the DMV. YOM plates may be assigned in lieu of regular license plates to any currently registered 1962 or older year model motor vehicle or trailer of a corresponding model year.

Kit cars of vintage automobiles (a replica of a 1928 vehicle for example) **do not** qualify for YOM plates. Vehicles with YOM plates have full operating privileges and are not restricted to participation in historical vehicle activities.

The plates **must be** supplied by the vehicle owner **and** authenticated by DMV personnel. Base year plates must have the appropriate year validation sticker attached to the plate to be authenticated as other than the base year (for example, a 1956 plate with a 1958 sticker equals a 1958 plate).

14.105 Transfer or Reassignment of Special Plates (VC §§5108 and 5109)

Owner-Issued License Plates—The plates listed below may be transferred/reassigned to any vehicle owned and registered to the plate owner.

- Amateur Radio
- American Ex-Prisoner of War (Ex-POW)
- Arts Council
- Bicentennial Bill of Rights
- California Firefighters
- California Memorial
- Citizens Band (CB) Radio
- Coastal Commission (Whale Tail)
- Commemorative Collegiate (UCLA)
- Congressional Medal of Honor
- Disabled Person
- Disabled Veteran
- Environmental (ELP)
- Honorary Consul
- Kids
- Legion of Valor
- Legislative (exempt or fee paid)
- Olympic Games
- Olympic Training Center
- Pearl Harbor Survivor

14.105 Transfer or Reassignment of Special License Plates, continued

- Press Photographer
- Veterans Organizations
- Year of Manufacture (YOM)
- Yosemite

Plate Reassignments—When the buyer already has special plates and wants to transfer them to another new or used vehicle, in addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements and fees for the transaction, the application **must** include:

- A Special Interest License Plate Application (REG 17) **or** a Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the plate owner showing reassignment of the plates.
- Any fees due to transfer/reassign the special plate to the vehicle. Many special plates also have an annual renewal fee added to the regular renewal fees due. When the plates are reassigned and a different registration expiration date is established, additional prorated renewal fees **or** a prorated credit of fees may be due.
- Determine the number of months difference in the registration expiration dates.
- Use the “Monthly Prorated Vehicle License Fees” side of the Vehicle License Fee Rate Table (REG 360) to determine the prorated due/credit amount.
- Locate the annual amount in the “12 Mo” column and then use that row to identify the exact fee amount based on the number of months difference in the expiration dates.

EXAMPLES

#1—Prorated Fees Due—A plate owner transfers ELP plates from a vehicle with a 12/16/00 expiration date to a new vehicle which will be assigned a 10/10/01 expiration date.

The difference between the two expiration dates is 10 months and the annual ELP renewal fee is \$25. Locate \$25 in the “12 Mo” column of the REG 360 and collect the amount shown in the “10 Mo” column in addition to the plate reassignment fee and the other fees due.

#2—Prorated Credit Due—A plate owner transfers *sequential* Arts Council plates from a vehicle with a November 2001 expiration date to a used vehicle which has an August 2001 expiration date.

The difference between the two expiration dates is 3 months and the annual *sequential* Arts Council renewal fee is \$15. Locate \$15 in the “12 Mo” column of the REG 360 and **deduct** the amount shown in the “3 Mo” column from the plate reassignment fee due and collect the difference in addition to any other fees due.

14.110 Vehicles of Historic Value (VC §5004 and R&TC §10753.5)

Special Horseless Carriage or Historical Vehicle plates may be obtained for vehicles of historic value/interest. These plates are **permanently** assigned to the vehicle and remain on the vehicle when and if ownership of the vehicle is transferred.

- **Horseless Carriage Plates** are issued to motor vehicles with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965 and to any motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922 or before.
- **Historical Vehicle Plates** are issued to motor vehicles or trailers manufactured after 1922 which are at least 25 years old **and** of historic interest.

Vehicles assigned Historical Vehicle or Horseless Carriage plates are:

- limited to operation or movement over the highway primarily for the purpose of historical exhibition or other similar, noncommercial purposes, such as parades or historic vehicle club activities.
- are subject to the annual registration fee (*including any miscellaneous city/county fees collected with the registration fee*) and a \$2 vehicle license fee **each** registration year.

Plate Application—In addition to the usual registration and/or transfer requirements, the application must include a Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) completed by the applicant.

14.115 Window Decals for Vehicles with Wheelchair Lifts or Carriers (VC §5201)

Window decals matching the vehicle license plate configuration (white background with black numbers and/or letters) are available for “**no fee**” to qualified customers who have a wheelchair lift or carrier on their vehicle which obstructs the view of the rear license plate. To qualify for a decal, the customer **must**:

- Be a Disabled Person (DP) placard holder *or* transport person(s) with a DP placard.
- Own a vehicle assigned Disabled Person (DP) *or* Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates.

Decal Application Requirements—The requirements are:

- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) completed by the applicant stating:
 - he/she requests a window decal
 - the eligible DP placard or DP/DV plate number
 - the make, identification number, year model, and license number of the vehicle to which the decal will be affixed
 - the applicant’s name, mailing address, and signature.

14.115 Window Decals for Vehicles with Wheelchair Lifts or Carriers, continued

- Mail the REG 256 to:
Department of Motor Vehicles
Special Processing Unit MS D238
PO Box 932345
Sacramento, CA 94232-3450.
- Once the decal is manufactured, it will be mailed directly to the requester. The requester must allow six to eight weeks for receipt of the decal.